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1. FOLLOWING ARE QUESTIONS AND THEMES WHICH RADIO-FRANCE WILL POSE DURING INTERVIEW VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER MARCH 22.

A. WHAT DO THE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS REPRESENT FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE?

B. IN THE CONTEXT OF THE BICENTENNIAL YEAR, DO YOU SEE FRANCO-AMERICAN RELATIONS DEEPENING? WILL THE BICENTENNIAL STRENGTHEN FRANCO-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP BOTH ON THE LEVEL OF CULTURAL EXCHANGES AND OTHERWISE?

C. WITH THE APPROACHING QTE BICENTENNIAL ENDQTE VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES OF PRESIDENT GISCARD, HOW DO THE AMERICANS REGARD FRANCE?

D. RADIO-FRANCE IS LAUNCHING FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY OF FRENCH MEDIA A 40-DAY QTE VOYAGE OF

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DISCOVERY ENDQTE THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES TO PRESENT

YOUR COUNTRY TO THE FRENCH PEOPLE AND TO GIVE THEM A BETTER COMPREHENSION OF AMERICA. WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS INITIATIVE?

2. WE HAVE CONFIRMED WITH RADIO-FRANCE THAT INTERVIEW WILL BE LIMITED TO 10 MINUTES AND WILL BE CONDUCTED IN FRENCH, MARCH 22, FOLLOWING VP PRESS CONFERENCE, IN NEARBY EMBASSY OFFICE. INTERVIEWER WILL BE JEAN-PIERRE ELKABBACH, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF RADIO-FRANCE'S MIDDAY NEWSCAST, ONE OF FRANCE'S MOST RESPECTED RADIO/TELEVISION JOURNALISTS, WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO EMBASSY.

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